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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1925.

CHESLYN HAY, WALSALL,

MAY 24th, 1926.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for 1925.

Estimate of Population of the District, 23,320.

Brewood Sub-Registration District	11,300
Cannock (Rural) Sub-Registration District ...	12,020
	23,320

Larger Parish Estimates.—

Bushbury	4150	Brewood	2560
Cheslyn Hay ...	3500	Penkridge	2400
Great Wyrley ...	3000	Huntington ...	1400
Essington	2800		

Coal mining the principal industry; edge tool workers, agricultural, and in Bushbury, electric workers, motor mechanics, and railwaymen.

Births in the Year ... ... **526.**

Males, 256. Females, 270.

Illegitmate Births 12

Birth Rate, 22.5 per 1,000.

In 1924	23.7	per 1,000.
1923	21.9	,,
1922	22.8	,,
1921	23.8	,,
1920	27.4	,,
1919	19.4	,,

The serious social problem to-day is the artificial restriction of births, and amongst a class in a postion to rear and

educate a good-sized family. Supposing the Birth Rate in this country for the next 10 years went down in the same proportion as in the last twenty years, the outlook would be most serious, and our Imperial prestige sadly reduced.

Deaths in the Year ... ... **255.**

Males, 119. Females, 136.

Death Rate, 10.9 per 1,000.

In 1924	10.7 per 1,000.
1923	11.1 ,,
1922	13.1 ,,
1921	9.13 ,,

Causes of Deaths in Infants ... **35.**

Congenital Debility and Premature Birth	14
Bronchitis	4
Pneumonia	4
Whooping Cough	5
Convulsions	2
Enteritis	1
Diarrhœa	1
Other Causes	4
	35

The General Causes of Deaths.

Measles	5	Lung Tuberculosis ...	10
Whooping Cough ...	10	Pneumonia	14
Diphtheria	3	Bronchitis	18
Influenza	11	Other Lung Diseases ...	2
	29		44
Cancer	24	Diarrhœa	4
Diabetes	7	Appendicitis ...	3
Brain Disease ...	8	Nephritis	2
Heart Disease ...	46		
Arterial Sclerosis ...	1		
	86		9

Congenital Debility ...	14
Suicide	4
Accident	10
Other Diseases and Age	59
	87

TOTAL ... 225

The notable points in these Returns are the number of deaths from Influenza and Whooping Cough; from Lung and Heart Disease; and from Cancer.

Deaths in the Larger Parishes in 7 Years.

		Average per year.
Brewood	201	28.5
Bushbury	252	36
Cheslyn Hay	272	38.9
Penkridge	183	26.1
Great Wyrley	168	24
Essington	145	20.5
Huntington	74	10.4

Causes of Death of District Residents in Institutions Outside the District.

Old Age	4	Heart Disease	5
Appendicitis	3	Pneumonia	2
Accident	6	Nephritis	2
Gall Stones	1	Uræmia	2
Suicide	1	Intestinal Obstruction	1
Diabetes	1	All Other Causes	21
Whooping Cough	2		
Bronchitis	5	TOTAL	56

Mostly from Union Infirmary, Wolverhampton General Hospital, Walsall Hospital, Burntwood Mental Hospital, and Stafford Infirmary.

Infectious Diseases Notified.

MEASLES.

Cheslyn Hay	63	Hatherton	1
Huntington	17	Essington	1
Wyrley	16	Saredon	1
Brewood	9	Stretton	1
Penkridge	3		—
Hilton	1		113

SCARLET FEVER.

Essington	11	Huntington	1
Cheslyn Hay	6	Penkridge	1
Dunston	6	Lapley	1
Bushbury	5		
Acton	3		—
Wyrley	2		36

DIPHTHERIA.

Cheslyn Hay	14	Huntington	6
Brewood	9	Bushbury	1
Penkridge	9	Dunston	1
Saredon	7		
Essington	5		52

PNEUMONIA.

Cheslyn Hay	8	Dunston	1
Wyrley	4		
Huntington	3		17
Bushbury	1		

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Huntington	2
Hatherton	1
	3

ERYSIPELAS.

Wyrley	4
Essington	4
Cheslyn Hay	2
	10

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA.

Wyrley	2
Bushbury	1
	3

CEREBRO SPINAL MENINGITIS.

Bushbury	1

PUERPERAL FEVER.

Huntington	1

WELFARE WORK.

NURSE ROSE'S REPORT.

	Average Monthly Attendance.
Essington Centre	13
Cheslyn Hay Centre	12
Huntington Centre	9
Measles Cases visited	103

Pregnant Women visited	100
Tuberculosis visits	176
General visits paid	3523

NURSE WILCOX'S REPORT.

Measles visits	35
Tuberculosis visits	237
Expectant Mothers visited	98
Whooping Cough visits	30
General visits paid	3907

	Average Centre attendances
Bushbury Centre	51
Penkridge Centre	15
Brewood Centre	17

Each Nurse during the year paid over 14 visits a day, with several large areas, sparsely populated, and several miles apart. In addition to this, 72 days in a year are allocated for Centre work, and all the Centres are widely apart. I have examined the Nurses Record Books, and advised that more details should be inserted, as to condition of mother, of child, or of environment.

It is proposed to start an Ante-natal Clinic in the District, and I have instructed the Nurses in all cases of suspicious odœma in pregnant women to have specimens of urine submitted for examination by the Welfare Doctors or myself, and to refer any woman with abnormal symptoms to their own Doctor or the Clinic Doctors.

Child Welfare.

Early in the New Year, the Council authorised the Health Visitors to visit a number of Child Welfare Centres with a view to studying the various systems in operation.

On the suggestion of the Staffordshire, Wolverhampton and Dudley Joint Committee, the Council had under consideration the appointment of an After-Care Committee for Tuberculosis Cases. Under the scheme of the Joint Committee, the following districts have been constituted:—

No. 1. Acton, Bednall, Coppenhall, Dunston, Huntington, Kinvaston, Penkridge, and Teddesley Hay.
No. 2. Brewood, Stretton, and Lapley.
No. 3. Bushbury.
No. 4. Essington.
No. 5. Cheslyn Hay and Great Wyrley.
No. 6. Featherstone, Hilton, Shareshill, Saredon, and Hatherton.

A number of ladies have been invited to serve on the above

Committee, and to visit cases in the various districts coming under the notice of the Joint Committee.

Towards the end of the year it became apparent that there was a growing necessity for the establishment of an Infant Welfare Centre at Landywood, Great Wyrley. Action was taken by the Council to obtain suitable premises to hold a Centre.

It was decided to hold the Centre at Brewood on the fourth Wednesday in each month, instead of the fourth Thursday.

Bushbury Sewerage.

Instructions were given for the preparations or carrying out of schemes of sewerage, and the treatment and disposal of sewage for the Low Hill, New Oxley, and Fordhouses portions of the Parish of Bushbury. The proposals of the Council have been submitted to the Minister of Health, and the necessary Local Enquiries held. In the case of New Oxley and Fordhouses, a loan has been sanctioned of £15,360 to defray the cost of carrying out the schemes and for the construction of the works. A Contract has been entered into in each case. The scheme for Low Hill includes provision for dealing with storm and surface water. Negotiations are proceeding to obtain a loan for carrying out the work.

Bushbury Mortuary.

A Hand-wheeled Ambulance, fitted with moveable stretchers has been purchased, much improvement being thereby effected.

Bushbury, Essington, Featherstone, and Hilton Sewerage.

During the year a joint scheme for the drainage of portions of the Parishes of Bushbury, Essington, Featherstone, and Hilton was prepared. A Local Enquiry has been held, and a loan of £11,000 sanctioned This loan has been obtained. A Contract has been entered into for the construction of work. Good progress with the work has been made.

Isolation Hospital.

Early in the year, the Engineer, Mr. H. M. Whitehead, submitted to the Council plans and proposals for the provision of a Porter's Lodge and Discharge Block near the Entrance Gates to the Hospital. In view of the financial liabilities of the Council, it was decided to postpone the work.

Yours respectfully,

W. HOSEGOOD, M.B.,

Medical Officer of Health.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL REPORT FOR 1925.

Patients Admitted in 1924 and Discharged in 1925.

Name.	District.	Age.	Disease.	Days in Hospital.
Georgina Russon	Walsall Bor.	10	Scarlet Fever	37
Joyce Mellor	Cannock	10	,,	36
Hilda Cockayne	Walsall Bor.	7	Diphtheria	35
Dorothy Moseley	Walsall Bor.	6	,,	26
Eric Morris	Essington	2	Scarlet Fever	35
Maud Siddons	Walsall Borough	13	,,	37
Frank Tipper	Walsall Borough	18	,,	33
Bertha Handy	Walsall Borough	5	Diphtheria	27
Edna Coad	Walsall Borough	5	Scarlet Fever	36
May Pritchard	Cannock	8	,,	36
Elizabeth Couchman	Dunston	8	,,	35
Bertha Bates	Bushbury	13	,,	33
Roland Foster	Walsall Rural	2½	,,	37

Cases Admitted and Discharged in 1925.

Lilian Williams	Walsall Borough	27	Diphtheria	26
Evelyn Collins	Walsall Borough	21	,,	26
Edna Thomas	Walsall Borough	4	Scarlet Fever	42
Gwendoline Newport	Walsall B.	11	Diphtheria	22
Gladys Harper	Walsall Borough	2	,,	21
Florence Bowdler	Walsall Bor.	20	,,	21
Doris Groves	Walsall Borough	17	,,	21
Nellie Jones	Walsall Borough	9	Scarlet Fever	39
Arthur Bowers	Dunston	8	,,	40
Ivy Barker	Aston	9	,,	36
Jack Vicars	Essington	12	,,	43
Marjorie France	Essington	4	,,	43
Dorothy Nunce	Essington	15	,,	44
Sidney Bayliss	Walsall Borough	10	,,	42
Hilda Bayliss	Walsall Borough	9	,,	42
Edith Newbrough	Huntington	2	Diphtheria	31
Eileen Adams	Brewood	5	,,	22
Louisa Benton	Walsall Borough	14	Scarlet Fever	43
Marion Bickley	Penkridge	16	Diphtheria	19
Olive Farnell	Cheslyn Hay	5	,,	16
Nellie Middleton	Walsall Bor.	2	Scarlet Fever	43
Walter Jones	Walsall Borough	10	Diphtheria	26
Mary Bowers	Dunston	11	Scarlet Fever	46
Ernest Bowers	Dunston	5	,,	46
Emily Bradford	Walsall Borough	2	,,	34
*Horace Barker	Walsall Borough	5	Diphtheria	8
Walter Brookes	Walsall Bor.	5	,,	23
Ivy Harper	Walsall Borough	6	,,	23
Fred Ward	Walsall Borough	9	,,	22
Greta Williams	Cannock	2¾	,,	27
Charles Bowers	Dunston	20	,,	27
Edna Taylor	Brewood	10	,,	22

Name.	District.	Age.	Disease.	Days in Hospital.
May Faith,	Walsall Borough ...	5	Scarlet Fever ...	... 30
May Beddoes,	Walsall Borough	11	,, ...	... 42
Frank Grice,	Huntington ...	14	Diphtheria ...	... 22
Marjorie Mytton,	Cheslyn Hay	19	Scarlet Fever ...	... 21
Winifred Fox,	Walsall Borough	4	,, ...	... 43
Violet Saunders,	Cannock ...	5	Diphtheria ...	... 24
Lilian Astley,	Dunston	4	Scarlet Fever ...	... 45
*Frank Sutton,	Cannock ...	15	Diphtheria ...	... 18
John Richardson,	Walsall Bor.	10	Scarlet Fever ...	... 40
Harold Williams,	Cannock ...	5	Diphtheria ...	... 45
Archie Williams,	Cannock ...	10	,, ...	... 23
Kathleen Williams,	Cannock ...	12	,, ...	... 23
Clifford Brookes,	Cannock ...	3	,, ...	... 23
Fred Taylor,	Shifnal	19	,, ...	... 22
Stanley Poxon,	Cheslyn Hay ...	4	Scarlet Fever ...	... 42
Lily Poxon,	Cheslyn Hay ...	2½	,, ...	... 40
Ethel Hodson,	Walsall Borough	12	,, ...	... 32
George Westwood,	Walsall Bor.	11	,, ...	... 42
Daisy Harvey,	Walsall Borough	6	,, ...	... 46
Maisie Colley,	Cannock ...	9	Diphtheria ...	... 21
Annie Roden,	Cannock	9	,, ...	... 23
Percy Elsmore,	Cannock ...	7	,, ...	... 25
Renee Pugh,	Cannock	8	Scarlet Fever ...	... 44
Barbara Harvey,	Cannock ...	2	Diphtheria ...	... 26
William Cooper,	Walsall Borough	8	Scarlet Fever ...	... 42
Amelia Deakin,	Cannock ...	14	Diphtheria ...	... 24
Douglas Crosbie,	Cannock ...	2	,, ...	... 21
Victor Jackson,	Cannock ...	4	,, ...	... 23
Mary Hinkes,	Essington ...	8	,, ...	... 26
Florence Astley,	Penkridge ...	27	Scarlet Fever ...	... 42
*Nora Ankrett,	Huntington ...	8	Diphtheria ...	... 5
Elsie Poole,	Brewood	4	,, ...	... 28
Fred Barnett,	Cheslyn Hay ...	12	,, ...	... 20
Ethel Smith,	Essington ...	18	Scarlet Fever ...	... 38
Reginald Hargreaves,	Walsall B.	3½	Scarlet Fever ...	... 36
William Glover,	Walsall Borough	5	,, ...	... 35
Norman Robinson,	Brewood ...	3	Diphtheria ...	... 12
*Marion Henson,	Saredon ...	8	, ...	... 12
Dorothy Edwards,	Walsall Rural	1	,, ...	... 22
Lizzie Edwards,	Walsall Rural	18	,, ...	... 29
Sidney Somes,	Bushbury ...	35	,, ...	... 22
Lorna Walters,	Cheslyn Hay ...	8	,, ...	... 25
Annie Blemen,	Walsall Borough	7	Scarlet Fever ...	... 29
Florrie Carter,	Walsall Rural...	4	,, ...	... 27
Ernest Richards,	Walsall Bor.	9	,, ...	... 42
Annie Clayton,	Shifnal	23	Diphtheria ...	... 22
Kathleen Kilgallon,	Huntington	2	,, ...	... 21
Annie Poole,	Brewood	35	,, ...	... 29
Ralph Davies,	Cheslyn Hay ...	13	,, ...	... 25
Grace Statlers,	Cheslyn Hay ...	6	Scarlet Fever ...	... 44
Winifred Kenny,	Penkridge ...	8	Diphtheria ...	... 37
Mayard Kenny,	Penkridge ...	6	,, ...	... 36
Alice Salt,	Walsall Borough ...	9	Scarlet Fever ...	... 27
Dolly Poole,	Penkridge	4	Diphtheria ...	... 15
Kathleen Kenny,	Penkridge ...	11	,, ...	... 35
Minnie Reynolds,	Cannock ...	16	Scarlet Fever ...	... 37

Name.	District.	Age.	Disease.	Days in Hospital.
William Perrins,	Cheslyn Hay	12	Diphtheria	24
Lily Worsey,	Saredon	9	Diphtheria	24
Leslie Goodwin,	Walsall Borough	20	Scarlet Fever	36
Maud Birch,	Walsall Borough	12	Scarlet Fever	39
Edith Edwards,	Cheslyn Hay	4½	,,	39
Maurice Edwards,	Cheslyn Hay	3	,,	35
Jack Marriott,	Cannock	9	,,	40
Doris Jenkins,	Cheslyn Hay	5	Diphtheria	18
Wilfrid Brassington,	Walsall Rur.	3	,,	25
Leslie Jenkins,	Cheslyn Hay	7	,,	25
Florence Hough,	Essington	16	,,	21
Winifred Devney,	Cheslyn Hay	3	,,	22
Dorothy Craddock,	Huntington	10	Scarlet Fever	22
Gertrude Brassington,	Walsall R.	8	Diphtheria	22
*Florence Lowbridge,	Walsall Rural	3½	,,	14
Eunice Marshall,	Cheslyn Hay	11	,,	17
Raymond Worsey,	Saredon	7	,,	20
Jean Thomas,	Cheslyn Hay	9	,,	21
Albert Brotherton,	Brewood	4	,,	19
John Rathbone,	Walsall Borough	6	Scarlet Fever	44
Sarah Williams,	Cannock	10	,,	42
Geoffrey Hough,	Essington	7	Diphtheria	22
Kathleen Hough,	Essington	4	,,	22
Nellie Nield,	Acton	11	Scarlet Fever	43
Edith Emery,	Essington	22	Diphtheria	23
Jean Haynes,	Saredon	4	,,	20
Thomas Hayes,	Saredon	28	,,	19
Samuel Haynes,	Saredon	28	,,	17
Thora Haynes,	Essington	8	,,	17
Kenneth Gigley,	Wyrley	2½	,,	22
May Millington,	Walsall Borough	8	Scarlet Fever	45
*Maisie Garbett,	Walsall Borough	2¾	,,	6
Nellie Hill,	Dunston	11	,,	43
George Brown,	Cannock	2	,,	42
Albert Kennerley,	Dunston	17	,,	41
Lilian Williams,	Cannock	3½	,,	44
Roland Lloyd,	Walsall Rural	6	Diphtheria	30
Frances Perkins,	Walsall Rural	14	,,	20
*Dennis Lockley,	Cannock	2½	Scarlet Fever	4
Arthur Doughty,	Brewood	7	Diphtheria	21
Doris Main,	Walsall Borough	9	Scarlet Fever	42
Kathleen Main,	Walsall Borough	4	,,	42
Lilian Carrington,	Bushbury	8	,,	42
*William Colebath,	Walsall Bor.	5	Diphtheria	7
Ronald Titley,	Walsall Borough	4½	,,	27
Hilda Edwards,	Walsall Borough	10	,,	29
Reginald Roberts,	Walsall Bor.	13	,,	22
Leslie Hill,	Walsall Borough	2	,,	22
Florence Hill,	Walsall Borough	24	,,	22
George Mirandole,	Walsall B.	10	Scarlet Fever	42
Emmie Hodson,	Bushbury	22	Diphtheria	20
Joseph Carrington,	Bushbury	14	Scarlet Fever	45
Norman Carrington,	Bushbury	6	,,	45
Winnie Carrington,	Bushbury	12	,,	45

Name.	District.	Age.	Disease.	Days in Hospital.
Joan Goodall,	Essington	2	Diphtheria	21
Doris Ward,	Penkridge	22	,,	15
Eleanor Ward,	Penkridge	50	,,	10
Beatrice Rudge,	Walsall Borough	25	,,	14

* Fatal Cases.

Cases Admitted in 1925 and Discharged in 1926.

Rose Asbury,	Essington	6	Scarlet Fever
Alice Taylor,	Lapley	10	,,
Doris Turner,	Wyrley	7	,,
Ernest Farmer,	Bushbury	5	,,
Fred Davies,	Cheslyn Hay	1½	Diphtheria
Herbert Massey,	Cannock	7	Scarlet Fever
Gertrude Adams,	Cannock	7	Diphtheria
Ada Owens,	Walsall Borough	29	,,
Eleanor Banks,	Walsall Borough	23	,,
Muriel Hinks,	Essington	7	Scarlet Fever
Lorna Barker,	Essington	10	,,
Gwendoline Barker,	Essington	11	,,
Ellen Ashpole,	Brewood	3	Diphtheria
Amy Roberts,	Walsall Borough	6	Scarlet Fever
Frank Hinks,	Essington	14	,,

Patients Admitted into Hospital.

1904 to 1911	8 years	436
1912 to 1919	8 years	380
1920 to 1923	4 years	284
1924 and 1925	2 years	275

Average per annum ... 62.

Scarlet Fever	1003
Diphtheria	332
Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria	10
Influenza	13
Enteric Fever	7
	1365

Locality of the Cases.

Bushbury	207	Hatherton	34
Essington	195	Shareshill	17
Cheslyn Hay	132	Saredon	20
Penkridge	122	Dunston	20
Brewood	108	Walsall Borough	122
Great Wyrley	90	Cannock Urban	128
Acton and Bednall	42	Walsall Rural	48
Lapley	20	Lichfield	1
Stretton	12	Shifnal	2
Coppenhall	1		
Teddesley	3		
Huntington	41		1365

Locality of Cases in 1925.

Walsall Borough ...	49	Brewood	8
Cannock Urban ...	23	Penkridge	8
Walsall Rural ...	8	Bushbury	7
Shifnal	2	Essington	15
	—	Cheslyn Hay ...	17
	82	Wyrley	2
		Huntington ...	5
		Dunston	7
		Acton	2
		Saredon	7
		Lapley	1
			—
			79

TOTAL ... 161

A Wireless Installation has been effected in the Hospital from voluntary contributions.

A revision has been made in the Nursing Staff. The Matron has a Staff Nurse and two Assistant Nurses, and outside help has not been required. Miss Griffiths acted as temporary Matron for several weeks early in the year, and her work gave general satisfaction all round. Miss Kershaw entered upon duty as Matron on March 30th, and has proved herself a most capable administrator in all departments.

I would express my thanks to the Nursing Staff, the Clerk, and the Inspector for their useful co-operation, and to Colonel Whitehead who is always willing to lend a helping hand whenever any trouble arises in the Hospital.

Yours respectfully,

W. M. HOSEGOOD, M.B.,

Medical Officer of Health and Medical Superintendent.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1901.

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Workshops (including Workshop Laundries): Inspections, 105; Written Notices, 2.

Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces: Want of cleanliness, 16 found; 16 remedied. Sanitary accommodation unsuitable or defective: 2 found: 2 remedied.

Other matters: Notified by H.M. Inspector, 1.

W. HOSEGOOD, M.B.,

May 15th, 1926. Medical Officer of Health.

Report of the Sanitary Inspector,

MR. J. T. H. HALL, Cert. Royal San. Inst.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

To the Chairman and Members of the Cannock Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Report as Sanitary Inspector, etc., for the Year ending 31st December, 1925.

Scavenging.

The Council, by Contract, undertake the work of removal of House Refuse in the Parishes of Bushbury, Cheslyn Hay, Essington, Huntington and Great Wyrley.

In the remainder of the District, at present, this work devolves upon the occupiers of the houses themselves.

There are in the above five Parishes, 3,530 Houses, being 1,325, 694, 548, 345, and 618 respectively.

Since the appointment of my assistant, much more efficient supervision of this work has been possible, and it is being carried out a great deal more satisfactorily.

The total of 4,524 ashpits, which have been inspected, shows more frequent visits, and the results are evident, as there are no large number of houses with accumulations of refuse.

The L.M. and S. Railway Company have been tipping the refuse from some of their Stations at Fordhouse Road, Bushbury. As this refuse was rather offensive and was being tipped too near to houses, the Company have, at my request, ceased tipping at this place.

Considerable time had to be spent in supervising the emptying of cesspools at Oxley, and the Low Hill Estate, Bushbury, and at 44 houses, Cannock Road, Essington. The large cesspool in Greenwood Road, Bushbury, has had to be frequently treated with disinfectants.

Ashpits inspected	4524
Requests to have ashpits emptied in Bushbury ...	64
Requests to have ashpits emptied in Cheslyn Hay ...	6
Requests to have ashpits emptied in Great Wyrley ...	4
Requests to have ashpits emptied in Essington ...	25
Requests to have ashpits emptied in Huntington ...	0
Ashpits reported for emptying in Bushbury	59
Ashpits reported for emptying in Cheslyn Hay ...	36

Ashpits reported for emptying in Great Wyrley	...	49
Ashpits reported for emptying in Essington ...	...	127
Ashpits reported for emptying in Huntington	...	21
Total receptacles emptied in Bushbury ...	...	15600
Total receptacles emptied in Cheslyn Hay ...	...	3659
Total receptacles emptied in Great Wyrley ...	...	3916
Total receptacles emptied in Essington ...	...	3292
Total receptacles emptied in Huntington ...	...	6580

The middens at 24 houses at Saredon, Holly Bush Cottages, were also emptied.

Slaughter Houses and Meat Inspection.

There are at the end of the year 19 Slaughter Houses in the District; 12 of these are Licensed and 7 are Registered, and they are situate as follows: Bushbury 4, Brewood 6, Cheslyn Hay 3, Essington 1, Penkridge 3, Wheaton Aston 2, and there is one place Licensed as a Knackers' Yard at Penkridge.

During the year 13 Licences were renewed, and one new Licence granted to erect a Slaughter House.

314 Inspections of Slaughter Houses were made, and 9 of them required whitewashing, and these were done. On the whole the places are kept satisfactorily.

903 Inspections of meat were made at the Slaughter Houses and Shops, and the Meat generally was of a very good quality. Several organs and portions of meat were found to be diseased, and these were destroyed.

Under the Meat Regulations, 268 visits were made to shops and private houses where pigs were slaughtered. I found the regulations were fairly well carried out. In every case I found the cottager's pig of very good quality, and this I attribute to the cleaner food and better care given to the animals.

Workshops and Bakehouses.

93 Inspections of Workshops and Bakehouses were made. Nine Bakehouses and 7 Workshops were found to need whitewashing and these were done. The sanitary accommodation at two Workshops was defective and was remedied.

There are 18 Bakehouses in the District, situate as follows: Bushbury 2, Brewood 6, Cheslyn Hay 2, Great Wyrley 2, Penkridge 4, and Wheaton Aston 2.

Petroleum Acts.

68 Inspections were made under the Petroleum Acts, and the places were found to be kept satisfactorily.

There are 37 persons licensed to store and sell petrol, and of these 15 have now underground tanks and pumps, which is the best method of storing petrol in bulk.

37 Petrol Licences and 7 Carbide Licences were renewed, and 4 new Licences to store Petrol and 4 to store Carbide of Calcium were granted.

Shop Acts, 1912-1913.

I have made 326 visits under the Shops Acts, and on the whole I found that the requirements were being complied with, except the exhibiting of the notice showing the day of closing.

I have supplied information to a large number of shop keepers on various points.

There are now on the Register 240 Shopkeepers.

Cowsheds and Dairies.

There were on the Register at the end of the year 211 persons, 142 as wholesale producers of milk, 12 as wholesale producers and retail purveyors of milk, and 28 as retail purveyors of milk.

During the year 12 persons were registered as wholesale producers of milk, and 3 as retail purveyors of milk.

240 Inspections of Cowsheds and Dairies were made. A good number of the sheds required whitewashing, and these were subsequently done. The drainage at 8 sheds was defective, and at 18 sheds the light and ventilation was defective, and at 20 sheds there were defective channels. Notices for these to be remedied were served.

The efforts on the part of the milk producer to ensure cleaner milk are becoming noticeably better, but there is a lot of alteration needed in the methods at a good number of farms before really clean milk is general.

The New Regulations which are proposed to be made under the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, will be eagerly awaited.

There are in this District three farms which produce Grade A milk, at two of which the milk is bottled. Grade A Milk Certificates are granted by the County Council.

This Council have granted a licence for "Pasteurised Milk" to be produced at one farm. At this farm there is a good and efficient pasteurising plant. The milk is put into containers, where it is retained for 30 minutes at a temperature of 145 degrees

Fah., and afterwards cooled by brine cooler to about 40 degrees Fah., and it is then immediately automatically bottled and sealed. There is also a refrigerator in which all milk not for immediate delivery is stored. There is a good apparatus for washing the bottles, and for which there is a good supply of water and steam.

The sample I took for bacteriological examination had a temperature of 42 degrees Fah., and the analyst's certificate showed that Coliform Bacillus were present in 1/10th cubic centimetre, but in 1/100th cubic centimetre, Coliform Bacillus were entirely absent, and the total organisms present were under 1,000 per c.c. This is a very low count

Water Certificates and Water Supplies.

I have inspected 357 newly erected Houses and 32 Bungalows, for which applications have been made for Water Certificates under the Public Health (Water) Act, 1878.

Certificates were granted for all these, and they were situate as follows:—

BUSHBURY.

Greenwood Road ...	56 Houses
Oxley Bank	14 Houses and 11 Bungalows
Oxley	5 Houses and 1 Bungalow
Old Fallings Lane	13 Houses
Moors Lane	2 Houses
Church Road	7 Houses and 1 Bungalow
Coven Heath	1 House and 3 Bungalows
Fordhouses	1 House
Low Hill Estate	108 Houses
Total ...	207 Houses and 16 Bungalows

BREWOOD

Horsebrook Lane, 2 Houses.
The Hattons, 1 House.

ESSINGTON.

Cannock Road, 20 Houses.

HUNTINGTON.

Stafford Road, 50 Houses (C.R.D.C.)
Stafford Road, 36 Houses (Littleton Collieries).

HATHERTON.

Calf Heath, 1 House.

PENKRIDGE.

Wolverhampton Road, 20 Houses (18 C.R.D.C.).

WHEATON ASTON.

1 Wooden Bungalow.

GREAT WYRLEY.

Walsall Road	... ...	15 Houses and 8 Bungalows
Benton's Lane	.. ...	1 Bungalow
Churchbridge	... ...	4 Bungalows
Watling Street	... ...	1 House and 2 Bungalows
Church Road	.. ...	4 Houses
Total	...	20 Houses and 15 Bungalows

All the Houses in Bushbury and in Brewood are supplied from the Wolverhampton Corporation Water Mains.

The Houses at Huntington, Great Wyrley, and Penkridge are supplied from the South Staffordshire Waterworks Mains.

The Houses at Cannock Road, Essington, are supplied from the Hilton Main Colliery.

One House at Hatherton, one at Brewood, and one at Wheaton Aston are supplied from wells.,

The Wolverhampton Corporation have laid the Water Mains in Brewood, and there is now a good supply available. I have sent notices and particulars to all owners of houses, and a request to have the premises connected to the mains as soon as possible. At the end of the year there were 147 houses connected, and a number of others in hand.

Dunston and Coppenhall Water Supplies.

I have made a survey of the supplies of water in the Parishes of Dunston and Coppenhall. I have taken a sample of water from each well and tested same.

In Dunston there are 63 Houses, 22 along the Stafford Main Road from Acton Gate to Dunston Hall, 30 on Dunston Heath from the Schools to the Toft, and 11 on Little Heath.

At these Houses there are:—

23 Wells with Pumps.
6 Open Draw Wells.
7 Cottages having no independent supply.

Of the 29 samples tested, 6 were, in my opinion, of fairly good quality and quite fit for drinking. Ten showed some little pollution and were unsafe for drinking, and 13 were rather badly polluted and were unfit for drinking.

At Coppenhall, there are 19 Houses, and these are supplied from 11 Wells with Pumps and one Open Draw Well.

One House is connected to the South Stafford Water Mains at the Hyde Lea Boundary.

I tested 11 samples, and, in my opinion, 5 of them were fairly good, and 6 showed more or less pollution, and were unsafe for drinking.

The Water in Coppenhall was, on the whole, of a better quality than in Dunston.

Drainage, Oxley.

The New Sewers at Oxley, Bushbury, are now in hand, and when completed the Houses can be connected, and so end the insanitary conditions caused by the cesspools.

Broad Lane, Long Lane, and Newtown, Essington.

The insanitary state of the drainage and disposal of the sewage at the premises in Broad Lane, Long Lane, and Newtown, continues.

Some progress has been made with the scheme for new Sewers and Sewage Works, but there are difficulties in the way of the work being commenced.

Drainage, Great Wyrley.

The extension of the Sewer near the Great Wyrley Church has now been put in hand, and the nuisance caused from several premises, the drainage from which lay in the ditch, will soon be remedied

Penkridge Sewerage.

In the village of Penkridge there are a large number of premises at which the drainage and the disposal of the sewage is very bad and insanitary.

I am unable to do much to properly remedy these matters, and the work is being held up and conditions are getting worse through the lack of proper sewers.

The provision of a proper system of sewers and sewage works for the village of Penkridge is much needed.

Bushbury Housing.

During the year, a Survey was made of 902 Houses in the Parish of Bushbury in connection with overcrowding.

In these Houses there were 3,760 inmates, giving an average of 1.16 per house.

There are 54 Houses with 2 families, and in these houses there are 306 inmates, giving an average of 5.66 per house.

34 of these families expressed a desire to have a separate house.

There are a large number of workpeople, working in Bushbury, but now residing elsewhere, who wish for a house in Bushbury.

To show the variation of numbers of occupants, there were 10 three-bedroomed houses with only one occupant to each, and 130 with 2 occupants, and 227 houses with 3 inmates in each house.

The total number of inmates in these 367 Houses was 951, having only an average of 2.59 per house.

The following particulars as to the Housing and Sanitary arrangements in the Parish of Bushbury will be interesting:—

In the whole of the Parish there are 1,250 occupied Houses, 1 Church, 2 Schools, and 3 large Works (Electrical Construction Company, The Star Engineering Company, and Macfarlane and Robinson's).

Number of Houses (occupied)	1250		
Number of Water Closets (flushing cisterns)	579,	percentage	45.9
Number of Waste Water Closets	507	,,	40.2
Number of Privy Middens...	77	,,	6.2
Number of Privy Pans	98	,,	7.7
Number of Ashpits	328	,,	31.7
Number of Dust Bins	708	,,	68.3
Number of Houses with Well Water ...	133	,,	10.6
Number of Houses with Tap Water ...	1117	,,	89.4

Number of Water Closets at the various Works and Schools in the Parish which discharge into the C.R.D.C. Sewers, the sewage of which is treated at the Wolverhampton Sewage Works:—

Star Engineering Works, Showell Road ...	11	Water Closets.
Electric Construction Company	57	,,
Macfarlane and Robinson's	34	,,
Bushbury Lane Council Schools	17	,,
Bushbury L.M.S. Cleaning Sheds	4	,,
Roman Catholic Schools, Old Fallings Lane ...	5	,,
Total ...	128	,,

Number of Slaughter Houses	4	All Licensed
Number of Bakehouses	1	
Number of Workshops	9	
Number of Dairymen	22	

All the Houses with Tap Water are connected to the Wolverhampton Corporation Water Mains.

The Scavenging is done by Contract, the dust bins and pans are emptied once every fortnight, and the ashpits every two to three months. The tip for dry refuse is at the Northeycote Farm, and all nightsoil is carted direct on to the land.

Since 1918, New Houses have been built as follows:—

40 Houses have been erected by the Cannock Rural District Council, and Conract has also been given for 24 more at Fordhouses.

46 Houses erected with Subsidy from other Authorities.

42 Houses erected (without Subsidy) by Private Enterprise.

42 Houses have been erected with Subsidy from the Cannock Rural District Council.

274 Houses have been erected by the Wolverhampton Corporation, which are all occupied. (156 of these are on the Oxley Estate, and 118 are on the Low Hill Estate.

1000 Houses are being erected on the Low Hill Estate, and, in addition to the 118 occupied, a large number of others are near completion.

722 Houses are connected to the Sewers of the Cannock Rural District Council, the sewage of which is treated by the Wolverhampton Corporation.

54 Houses are connected to the Heath Town Sewers.

34 Houses are connected to the Cannock Rural District Council Sewers at Fordhouses, and treated at a small Outfall Works there.

The Cannock Rural District Council are now constructing Sewers and a Pumping Station to take the drainage from about 200 Houses at New Oxley and Oxley Bank, with provision for further developments. This sewage will be pumped to the Wolverhampton Sewage Works.

Summary of Inspections and Work Done during 1925.

Complaints received and dealt with	111
Number of Houses inspected	1064
Re-inspections, calls, etc.	2301
Nuisances found	624
Nuisances abated	437
Number of Workshops and Bakehouses inspected ...	93
Bakehouses required White-washing	9
Slaughter-Houses inspected	314
Slaughter Houses White-washed	9
Slaughter House Licence granted	1

Slaughter House Licences renewed	13
Meat Inspected	903
Meat Regulations	268
Cowsheds and Dairies inspected	240
Cowshed nuisances found	46
Cowshed nuisances abated	34
Canal Boats inspected	37
Piggeries, Stables, etc., visited	34
Inspections under Petroleum Acts	68
Petrol Licences renewed	37
New Petrol Licences granted	4
Carbide Licences renewed	7
New Carbide Licences granted	4
Drainage Work examined	90
Shops visited	326
Ashpits reported for emptying	292
Ashpits inspected	4424
Total Ashpits emptied	33037
Cases of Infectious Disease investigated	95
Cases of Infectious Disease removed	75
Houses disinfected after Infectious Disease	85
School disinfected	0
Notices to Schools for exclusion of Children	44
Reports on Infectious Cases to M.O.H.	72
New Houses inspected for Water Certificates ...	390
Water Certificates granted	389
Informal Notices issued	104
Number of Privies converted to W.C.'s	26
Water Samples tested	60

Housing.

I estimate there are in the Cannock Rural District at the end of 1925, 5,501 Houses and Hutments. The number of newly-erected Houses in 1920 was 16; in 1921, 211; in 1922, 205; in 1923, 68; in 1924, 81; and in 1925, 390.

During 1925 the following inspections were made and action taken:—

Number of Houses inspected	1064
Number of Houses found to be unfit for human habitation	3
Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to making Closing Orders ...	3
Number of Houses in respect to which Closing Orders were made	3
Number of Houses demolished after Closing Orders were made	1

Number of Houses unfit for human habitation against which action is proceeding	5
Number of Houses, the defects of which were remedied by the issue of preliminary notices	71
Number of Houses, the defects of which are in course of being remedied or in which action is proceeding	40
Number of re-inspections made	1301

The general character of the defects of the above premises were defective roofs, defective privy accommodation, foul sinks, defective drains, floors, boilers, plaster of walls and ceilings, eaves and downspouts, windows, defective light and ventilation, dampness, pumps out of order, no proper ashpit accommodation, defective sculleries, etc.

Total defects found	624

CANAL BOATS ACTS, 1877-1884.

Thirty-seven Canal Boats were inspected during 1925

The Boats were occupied by 124 persons, and the registration accommodation being for 148. The average number of occupants per boat is 3.35. No boat was detained for disinfection.

All boats were properly marked, and were generally in good repair, clean, and free from overcrowding. Three occupants had to be cautioned for want of cleanliness.

All certificates were produced, and I received every courtesy from the occupants.

This Council is not a Registration Authority for Canal Boats.

J. T. H. HALL,

Canal Boats Inspector.

Housing Conditions.

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

Area (acres	52469
Population (1921)	21551
Number of Inhabited Houses (1925)	5501
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers (1925) (approx.,	5901
Rateable Value	£175,552
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£630

HOUSING.

Number of New Houses erected during the Year:—	
(a) Total	390
(b) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme—	
Wolverhampton Corporation	164
Cannock Rural District Council)	68

1.—Unfit Dwelling Houses.

Inspection: (1) Total Number of Dwelling Houses inspected for Housing Defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1064
(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	650
(3) Number of Dwelling Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	3
(4) Number of Dwelling Houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	89

2.—Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	71

3.—Action under Statutory Powers.

A.—Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing Town Planning, Etc., Act, 1919.

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	Nil.

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses which were rendered fit:—

(a) By Owners ... ... Nil.

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil.

(3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declaration by Owners of intention to close ... Nil.

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 89

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were remedied:—

(a) By Owners 71

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil.

C.—Proceedings under Sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, Etc., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders 3

(2) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 3

(3) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the Dwelling Houses having been rendered fit .. ... Nil.

(4) Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... . Nil.

(5) Number of Dwelling Houses demolished ... 1

(Signed) WM. HOSEGOOD, M.B.,
Medical Officer of Health

Water Supplies to Schools.

Bushbury.—Council Schools, Bushbury Lane; Bushbury Old Schools. These Schools have water from the Wolverhampton Corporation Mains

Brewood.—Church of England Schools; Roman Catholic Schools; The Grammar Schools. These Schools have now got the water laid on from the Wolverhampton Corporation Mains.

Bishops Wood Schools.—There is a well at these Schools, but the drinking water is obtained from a spring near the gateway, the water of which is quite good.

Coven School.—Now obtain the water from the Wolverhampton Corporation Mains.

Bednall Schools.—Water is obtained from a well.

Cheslyn Hay Schools.—Water obtained from the South Staffordshire Water Mains.

Dunston Schools.—Obtain water from a well. The water is of a fair quality, but the Stafford Corporation are laying water mains in Dunston, and it will be possible for these Schools to be connected.

Essington C. of E. and Council Schools.—Water obtained from the Wolverhampton Corporation Mains.

Great Wyrley and Landywood Schools.—Water is laid on from the South Staffordshire Mains.

Gailey Schools.—Obtain water from well.

Penkridge C. of E. and Council Schools.—Obtain water from the South Staffordshire Water Mains.

Shareshill Schools.—Obtain the water from well, but the water mains are now laid, and it will be possible to have the tap water laid on.

Stretton School.—Water from well.

Wheaton Aston School.—Water from well.

Huntington C. of E. and Council Schools.—Water is laid on from the South Staffordshire Water Mains.

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